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equivalent), against 150 million in the preceding year.

The President said he would take no action that might endanger [redacted] the election now set for September. After much debate, the President stated he would write a letter to the Chancellor, proposing the confirmation of the British and French arrangements, but reserving our right to reopen the matter in the autumn. This will pose grave difficulties both here and in Germany.

The proposed streamlining of our troops in Europe, presumably without affecting their combat efficiency, should, in the President's view, be carried out, but there should be no publicity attached to it. The "tail", as the military terms it, should be whittled down without an announcement of the diminution. There are now slightly over 200,000 men in Germany, and the elimination would cover not more than 30,000 of them, chiefly support units and individuals.

Defense made the mistake of mentioning the tank procurement program of the Germans who have, it seems, expressed a preference for buying our M-48 tanks instead of the British Centurion. The President almost went through the roof; I thought he would levitate. His face became congested, his language profane, as he reiterated what for two years had been his conviction - i.e., in wartime the Allies should not be dependent upon U.S. sources of supply for

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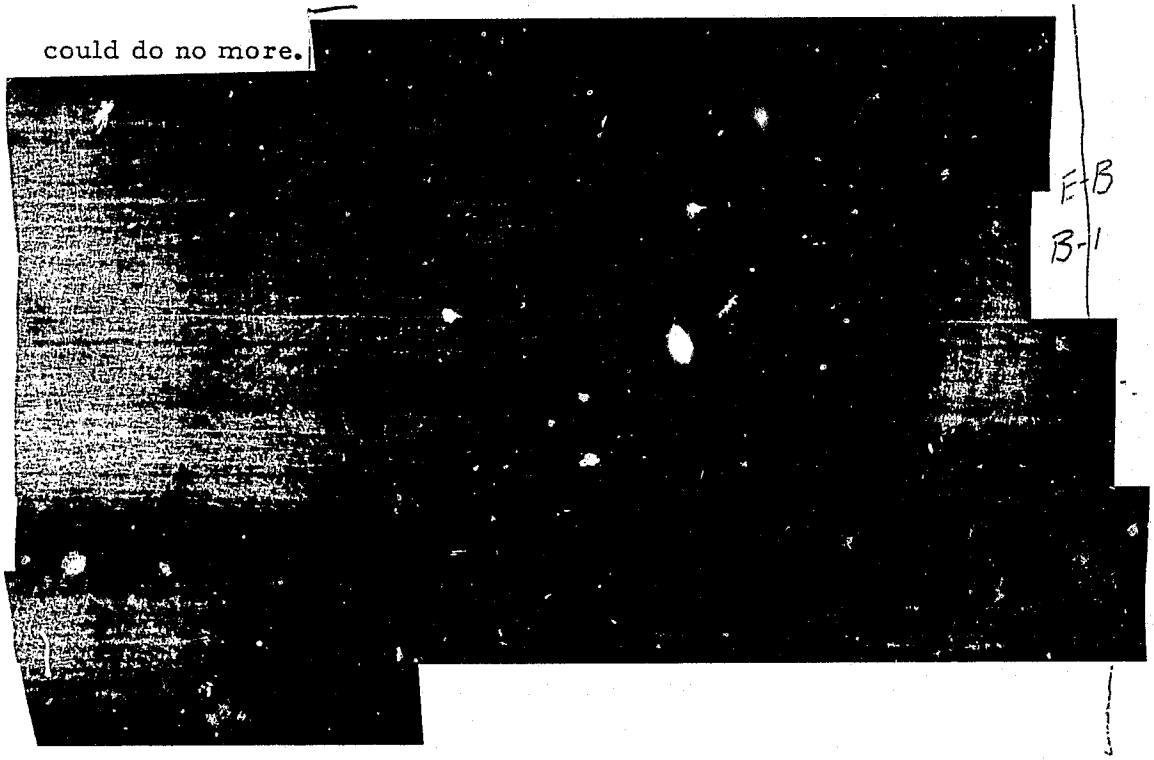
his country was not bearing its fair share of the defense burden, but careful thought would be given to ascertain whether or not it might be possible to make some move pleasing to the President.

We discussed several items of a possible agenda for Adenauer's visit to Washington. He said the conference on Status of Forces must come to an end, and the non-agreed subjects be referred to the Governments involved, since after a year and a half the experts could do no more.



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George Perkins [redacted] telegraphed me yesterday saying Laurie Norstad and himself thought it advisable I meet them in Paris as soon as possible to talk over certain problems of NATO, especially

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with promenades, rain and sunshine, and moving furniture.

Monday, April 15, 1957

Frau Toscha arrived this morning from Duesseldorf to give me my first German lesson here. She has appointments of about six hours a day for this purpose with Embassy personnel, now including E., whose use of the tongue is rather advanced, thanks to her childhood with a father in the American Diplomatic Service. I, to my own mind, make no progress, but I intend to persevere. The USIA men briefed me, as they will each morning, on the German press. [redacted] 13(1) EC

Elim O'Shaughnessy, head of the Political Section, came by. He is due for transfer and is suffering from a painful case of fungus (he must anoint his hands with unguent and wears white gloves). He wants to stay here as long as possible which would suit me. He has an engaging turn of mind, and I have known him for years. Before I left Washington, I had arranged that, at least, he would remain in Germany until after the elections.

I attended to routine business this afternoon. Bill Trimble was called over by Hallstein and was told, in relation to Status of Forces, what he had preliminarily indicated to me last week.

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number one. I surmise he would die as readily on the barricades as any other citizen in defense of our national liberties, but he is not a man to whose judgment I would submit my personal fate or reputation.

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We left tonight on the private train for Baden Weiler where I shall present my credentials to President Heuss. In the course of the afternoon, I visited the members of the Political Division and was photographed, for future reference, at the office and residence.

Further re McLeod. In the last few days, the New York Times, the Irish Times, the London Daily Telegraph, and, no doubt, many other papers, have advocated the refusal by the Senate to confirm his nomination as Ambassador to Eire. He had been for some time in Geneva before coming here, and perhaps was unaware of the storm brewed in Washington over his appointment. At any rate, he said I must be lucky to have only one guest room in the Bonn residence, in which I could lodge visiting Congressmen, whereas he, when installed in the large American residence in Dublin, would have no excuse not to give bed and board to large numbers of them. A sensitive character, fit companion for his sponsor, Styles Bridges, and his one-time mentor McCarthy!

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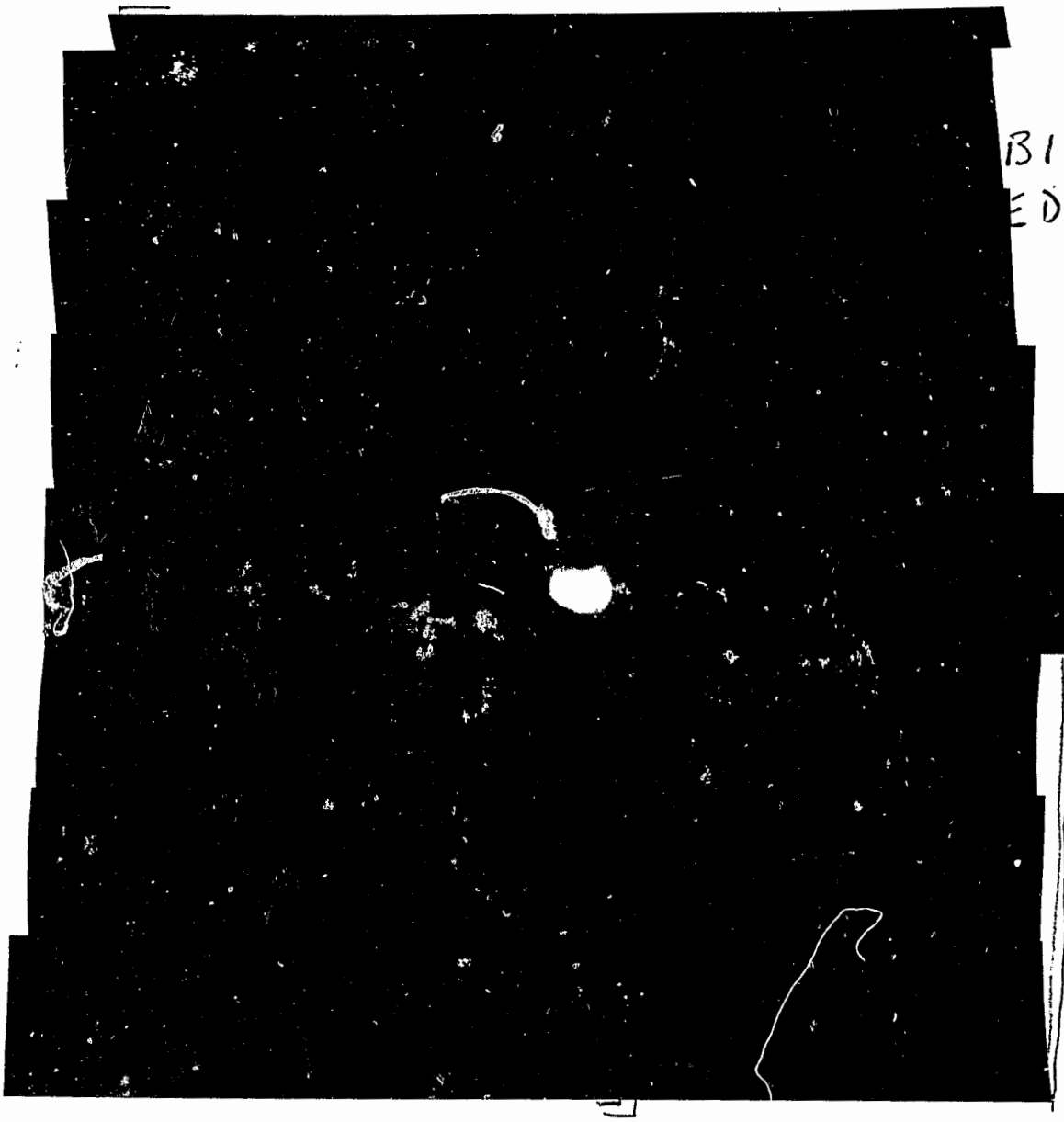
detachment and marched [redacted] well. There was the usual 19 gun salute. He says he holds these functions almost every week.



Next, we had a meeting of the key Generals from various parts

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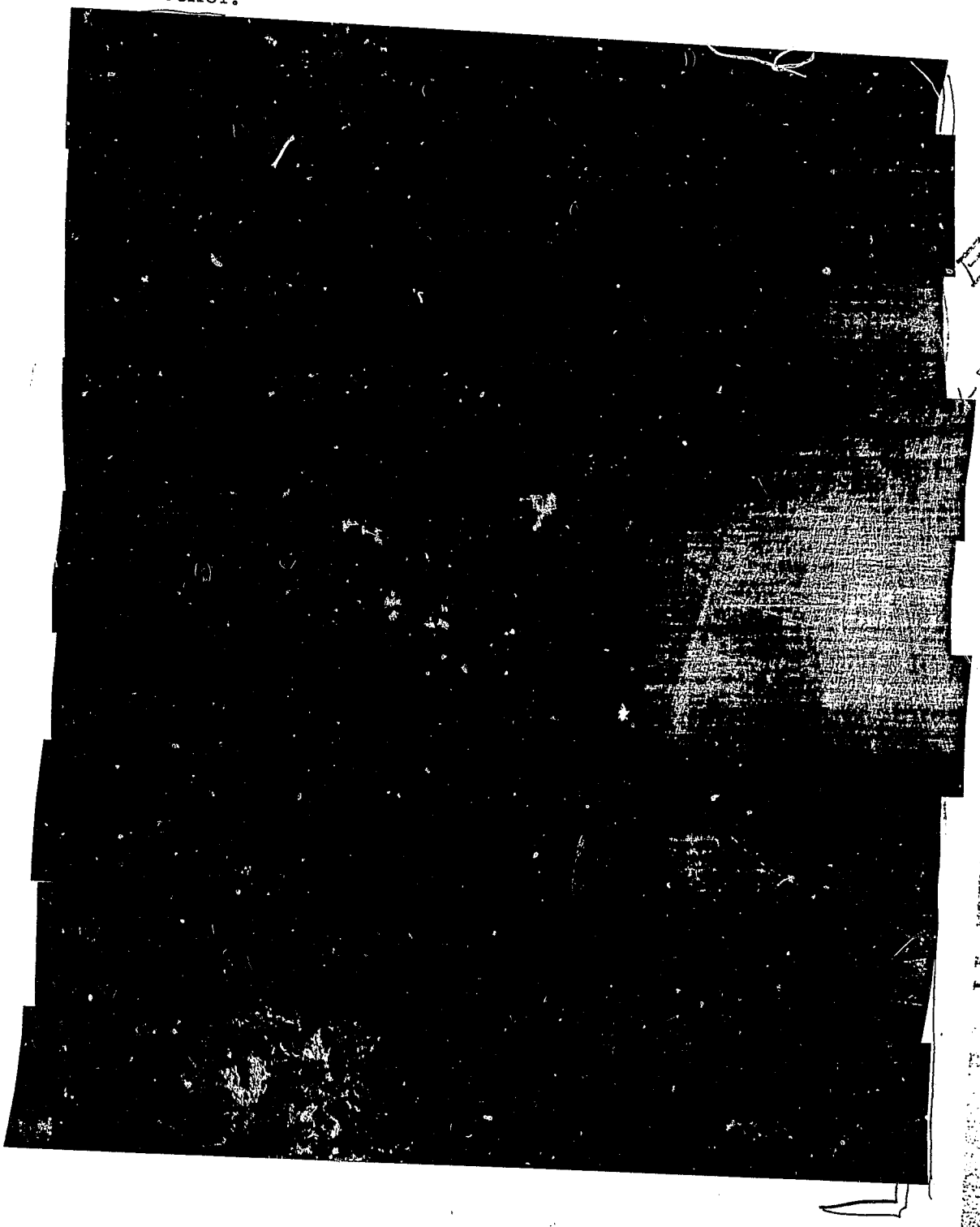

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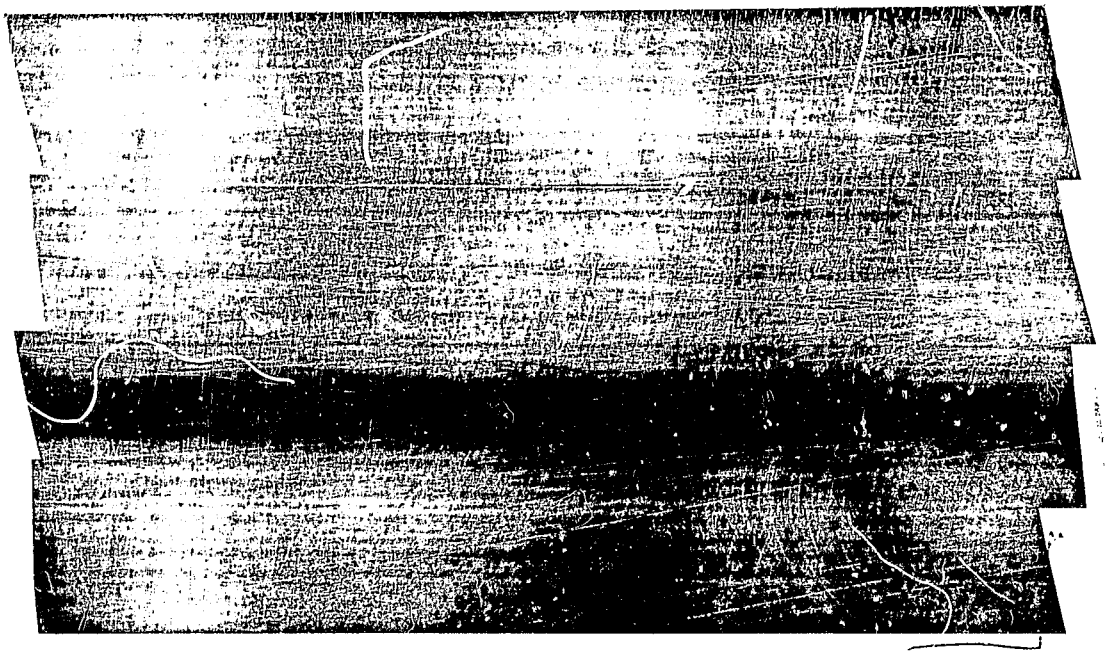

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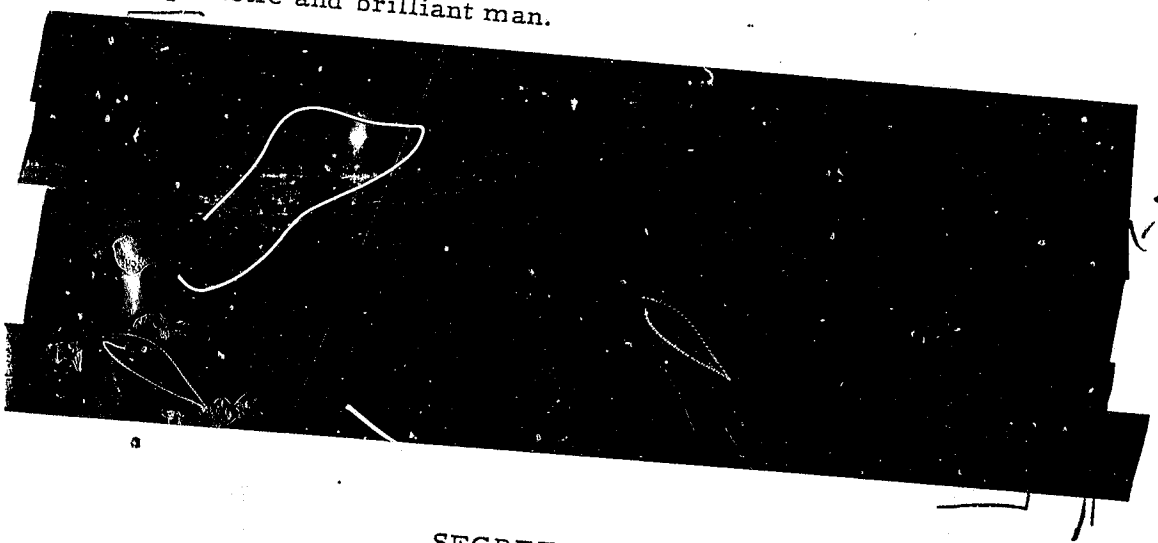
holiday on the Rhine. Eisenbud answered [redacted] well the questions posed by von Brentano. I thought his views on fall-out, [redacted] about which he is an expert, were most reassuring, provided there is no increase in the present tempo and quantity of tests. Eisenbud and I had an appointment to see the Chancellor later this morning, but he is still confined to his home with a cold and will not emerge until next week. Consequently, Dr. Eisenbud will return home and we will have on call his colleague, Mr. Bishop, stationed in Paris. These briefings by Eisenbud have been useful to all of us. I was somewhat dismayed by his personal view that, in order to carry out a complete global system of inspection of atomic materials capable of war use, there must be, as he sees it, an international force of trained inspectors almost equivalent in numbers to the present strength of standing armies, excluding the Chinese. He is a sympathetic and brilliant man.



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Joe Phillips talked to me about the USIS budget as it affects his activities in Germany. Due to the cut in Washington, his budget for Germany - the largest of any post - will be reduced from $7,500,000 to $6,000,000 for the coming fiscal year. All of this reduction is to be applied to operations in the FedRep and not to RIAS or programs in Berlin.

Tracy Barnes came to see me this afternoon and later spent the night with us. We had drinks with Charlie Thayer, who arrived today from Munich. He is about to publish a book on Germany.

Saturday, June 22, 1957

E, Sasha and I left Mehlem by train at 9:20 a.m. It had been a rainy night and early morning, but as we sped along the Rhine the skies lightened, the sun came out, and we basked in the plate-glassed dining car.

We arrived at Mainz on the appointed dot of 11:11, and were met by Consul and Mrs. Oscar Holder from Frankfurt, as well as